

Attorney Docket No. VPI/00-114

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Julian M. C. Golec
Application No. : 09/863,649 Confirmation No. : 1044
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For : CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF
Group Art Unit : 1654
Examiner : Jeffrey E. Russel

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the November 5, 2003 Final Office Action and the April 21, 2004 Advisory Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have submitted previously a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action. Applicants have submitted herewith an additional one-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action. The time for reply to this Office Action is, therefore, up to and including May 5, 2004. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are presented beginning at page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 17 of this Reply.